Doctrine and *Instructions*:

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CATECHISM.

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Many the most weighty Points of Divinity, *Viz.*

The Original of the Scriptures, the Nature of God, Man's capacity of Eternal Rewards, his past Happiness, present Misery in himself, the All-sufficiency of Christ, the Sweetness of Providence, Terms of Salvation, way and causes of Justification, Faiths influence, sincerity of Obedience, Natures Weakness, its Renovation, the moment hereof, the improvement, of the Word, Infants in Covenant, greatly advantaged thereby, to be Baptized, right participation of the Lord's Supper, helps for Prayer, Heavens Bliss Hells Woe, Judgments Terror, and preparation for it.

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Deut. 6. 6. *And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thy heart.*

7. *And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy Children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine House, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou lyest down, and when thou risest up*

[illegible] ἐστιπιστεύσας ἀνεὺ κατεχήσεως. *Clem. Alex.* Rom. 10. 14.

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1. Qu. *How doth it appear that the* Scriptur*are the Word of God?*

Answ. 1. From the holiness of the Commands. *Ps.* 119, 140.

2. From the sublimity of the Doctrine, 1. *Jo.* 5, *Jo.* 1. 1.

3. From the majesty of the Style, *Deut.* 32.22,2

4. From the fulfilling of the Prophesies, *Ac.* 2.30,3

5. From the excellency of the Scope, God's glory Man's salvation. *Eph.* 1. 5, 6. *Jo.* 20, 31.

6. From the mighty power it hath upon the Con science. *Act.* 2. 41.

7. From the integrity of the Penmen. 2 *Pet.* 1.21.

8. From the Divine miracles they wrought. *Act.* 16.

9. From the prophaness of the Scriptures enemies *Jer.* 36,23,26.

10. From the care of Divine providence in their preservation. 2 *Chro.* 34,15. 1 *Pet.* 1.4,5.

2. Q. *What do the Scriptures teach concerning God?*

A. 1. That there are three distinct persons. *Mat.* 27 *Heb.* 1.3. 1 *Cor.* 12,11. the Father of himself, *Ro.* 11 35. The Son begotten of the Father *Heb.* 1.6. The holy Ghost proceeding from the Father. *Jo.* 15,26. And from the Son. *Gal.* 4.6.

2. That the whole God-head undivided is in each person severally. *Col.* 2. 9.

3. That the three Persons are equal. *Mat.* 28, 19. One and the same God. *Deut.* 6.4. Eternal. *Mic* 5. 2.

*eb.*9.14. Almighty. *Rev.*1.8. *Zach.* 4.7. Knowing things. *Rev.*2.23. 1*Cor.*2.10,11. Moſt faithful. *Re.* 5. *Act.*1,16. Moſt merciful. *Mat.*9.2. *Gen.*6.3. And oſt Juſt. *Exod.*34.7. *Act.*17.31. *Act.*5,4,5.

4. That the Son is God and Man. *Heb.*10,12. The ther and the Holy-Ghoſt, God only.

3. Q. *How doth it appear the Son is God?*

A. 1. He is called God. *Act.* 26. 28.

2. He is called *Jehovah*. *Zach.* 2. 8.

3. He reproved not *Thomas* for called him God. .20.28.

4. He hath divine Attributes.

5. He hath divine worſhip. 1 *Cor.*1,2. (16,17.

6. He created and preſerves all. *Heb.* 1,2,3. *Col.*1.

4. Q. *How doth it appear that the H. G. is God?*

A. 1. He is called God. *act.*5.3,4. 2 *Sam.*23.2,3.

2. He hath divine Attributes.

3. He created us. *Job* 33. 4.

4. He hath divine worſhip. *Mat.*28.19.

5. Q. *Doth the Soul ceaſe to be when we dye, or doth ive for ever?*

A. 1. The Soul doth never ceaſe to be, but lives for er, for Man hath a great preeminency above a Beaſt. *a.* 8. 6.

2. The people of God have had aſſurance to be hap- after death. 2 *Cor.*5,8. *Act.*7.59.

3. The deſires of the Godly, and fears of the wick- ſpeake this truth, graven on every man's heart. *Heb.* ,26,27. 2 *Cor.*5,4.

4. If the Soul did ceaſe to be at death, the ſuffering ints are of all men moſt miſerable. 1 *Cor.*15.19.

5. The

5. The Righteous God records all our actions, go and bad, and will have a day to reward his sufferi people, and punish his prosperous enemies. *Mal.* 16,17. *Deut.*32.34,35.

6. The souls of the godly and wicked departed, a now living. *Mat.*22,32. *Rev.*6.9. 1 *Pet.*3.19.

7. God hath promised eternal happiness to his pe ple, and threatned eternal misery to the wicked. 1 *Pe* 1.4. *Mar.*9.44. *Rev.* 14.11.

8. God hath promised the godly shall never dy and threatned the wicked death shall fly from them. *J* 11,26. *Rev.*9 6.

6. Q. *Shall there be a resurrection of the Body?*

A. Yes; 1. with the Body men suffer for God an sin against him, therefore in body shall they be accor dingly rewarded. *Isa.*3.10,11.

2. God's Covenant to be his peoples, God is ever lasting. *Mat.*22.31.

3. The Resurrection, is the hope of the Godly which hope shall never make them ashamed. *Act.* 24 15. *Rom.*5 5.

4. The body is Christ's purchase. 1 *Cor.*6.20.

5. The Resurrection is the will of the Father. *Jo* 6.39.

6. Christ is risen. 1 *Cor.*15.14,15.

7. Death's conquest for us, is Christ's expectation *Heb.*10,13.

8. Christ himself undertakes for the resurrection o Believers. *Jo.*6.40.

9. *Enoch* and *Elias* are in Heaven bodily. *Heb.*11 5. 2 *King.*2. 11.

7. Q. *In what state did God make man at first?*
A. 1. His body was not subject to pain.
2. Nor to dye. *Gen.*3.19.
3. He was Lord over other creatures. *Gen.*2.19.
4. He was placed in Paradise. *Gen.*2.8.
5. His labor was without Toyl. *Gen.*3.19.
6. God entred into a covenant of life with him, upcondition of perfect, perpetual obedience. *Gen.*2.
. *Rom.*5.14.
7. God gave him the Tree of Life, a pledge of this venant. *Gen.*2.9.16.
8. Man was able to perform the condition. *Ge.*1.27.
9. He enjoyed sweet communion with God. *Gen.*2.
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10. But was lyable to fall, and being left to the freem of his own will, so he did. *Gen.*3.6.
8. Q. *In what state are we now born since the fall?*
A. 1. We are born guilty of *Adam's* first sin. *Rom.*
12, 19.
2. Destitute of God's favor. *Eph.* 2, 3.
3. Destitute of God's image. *Gen.*5.3. *Rom.*7.18.
4. Under the sentence of condemnation. *Ro.*5.16.
5. Prone to all evil. *Psa.*58.3.
6. Unable to do the least spiritual good. *Luk.*6.43.
7. Our body is subject to pain, and all diseases, and ath it self.
8. Our soul is subject to terrors of conscience. *Heb.*
5.
9. Our body and soul is subject to God's wrath ey hour. *Jo.*3.36.
0. Without a Saviour we are utterly unable to o our selves or escape.

9. Q.

9. Q. *How doth it appear that without a Savio we could not help our selves or escape the wrath of Go*

A. 1. The fallen Angels cannot escape it, therefo neither could we without a Saviour. 2 *Pet.*2,4.

2. *Adam* without a Saviour must needs have perish therefore so should we. *Gen.* 3.8.

3. The Law or covenant of works cannot justi any transgressor, *Rom.* 8, 3.

4. God who hath threatned us, *Gen.*2.17. and u on our fall accordingly hath condemned us, *Ro.* 5, 1 cannot lye: therefore without a Saviour bearing t Curse for us, we must needs have born it our selv for ever, *Gal.*3,13.

5. We being God's creatures, finite beings, a sinners; can never do or suffer any thing sufficient satisfie the infinite Justice of God offended, to turn way his infinite wrath incensed, or to redeem our l Souls from infinite Misery deserved; that for our o sakes God should discharge us, *Isa.*40.16,17. *Ro.*5

6. We cannot redeem a Brother from tempo death, *Psa.*49.7,8. much less our own lost Souls fr eternal.

7. We continually offend, and cannot but incre our score, that we might hasten our Ruine; so far we from being able to purchase our own salvation. 7. 20.

8. Our very best duties are stained, and need a viour for their pardon and acceptation; so far are t from being able to make amends for our offences, *N* 13,22.

9. God did not send his Son without need in resp

f us, to endure ſcourgings and ſo ſharp a death for
ur Redemption, *Gal.*2.21.

10. Q. *How doth it appear that Chriſt is able to ſave us?*
A. 1. The H. G. in the Scriptures and in Believers
earts, doth teſtifie that Chriſt is able to ſave us, *Heb*
.25. *Rom.*8.33,34.

2. He is the Saviour that ſhould come into the world,
or is there any other, *Mat.*16,16. *Jo.*6.36,37,39.
*ct.*2.30.

3. He is a Saviour of the Fathers own providing,
*om.*3.25. *Iſa.*42.1. *Jo.*1.19.

4. We find the firſt *Adam* could undo us, and can-
ot the ſecond much more ſave us, *Rom.*5.15,16,17.

5. God did graciouſly lay our ſins on him, that his
ghteouſneſs might be imputed unto us, 2 *Cor.*5.21.

6. Chriſt undertook the work of Redemption with
light, *Heb.*10.6,7. and finiſht it, *Jo.*17.4. fulfilling
righteouſneſs, *Mat.*3.15. and offering himſelf a Sa-
fice for us, 1*Cor.*5.7. that no more need be done for
r Redemption, either by himſelf or any other, *Heb.*
28,10,12,14.

7. He is God bleſſed for ever, that hath done and ſuf-
ed all this for us, *Mat.*1.23. *Rom.*3.21. *Act.*20.28.
re is therefore an infinite worth in his obedience
d ſacrifice.

8. The Father did delight in his perſon, *Mat.*3.17.
s ſatisfied with what he did, *Jo.*8.29. and with what
uffered for us, *Eph.*5.2. that he hath raiſed him from
Dead and received him to Glory, *Eph.*1.20.

9. Chriſt doth now expect his purchaſe. *He.*13.13.

10. The Angels believe God's good will towards
n, *Lu.*2,11,13,14. on the account of Chriſt. 11 The

11. The Father punisheth on Christ's account to renew the hearts of sinners, forgive their sins, and save their Souls, *Heb.*10.14,16,17. *Isa.*49.6.

11. Q. *What reason have we to be reconciled to the providence of God, or his governing and ordering of all things?*

A. 1. There is a necessity that some Being or other should order and govern all things, *Rev.*12.7.

2. There is no creature able or fit to do it, *Job* 4.18.

3. It is most righteous and meet, that he who made all, should dispose of all, *Isa.*45.9.

4. The Lord is most holy, and will wrong no man, *Gen.*18.25.

5. It is good for us, wicked men and Devils cannot carry on things as they would have them, *Ac.*4.27,28.

6. And that he who gave Christ for us manageth all things, *Jo.*5.17.

7. He will be good to him that waiteth for him, to the soul that seeketh him, *Lam.*3.25.

8. He is full of love to the Upright, and will order all for their good, *Psa.* 11. 7.

9. He is unchangeable in his kindness and good will to his people, 1 *Sam.*12,22.

10. He is most wise and knows how to order all for the best, 2 *Pet.* 29.

11. He is most mighty and able to restrain evil, and bring good to pass, *Isa.* 43.13.

12. He is most faithful to his word, *Psa.*25.10.

13. He sets himself against none but the ungodly and impenitent, *Exod.* 34. 6, 7.

12. Q. *Upon what terms is God willing to save us?*

A. 1.

A. 1. If we truly Repent, that is, heartily grieve for our sins, *Ps.* 51,17. ingeniously confess, 1 *Jo.* 1, 9. and throughly turn from them to the Lord, *Ez.* 18.21,22.

2. If we unfeignedly believe in Christ, *Joh.* 3. 16. and in God through him, 1 *Pet.* 1.20,21.

3. If we sincerely obey the Lord, *Exod.* 19.5.

13. Q. *Must not we design and labor, by keeping the Commandments, to satisfie God's justice, and purchase forgiveness and favor with him?*

A. 1. We must by Faith, trust in Christ's righteousness as that which hath already satisfied God's justice, and purchased forgiveness and favor with God, *Philip.* 3,3.

2. If we have not Faith to trust in Christ's righteousness, we must in the use of all means seek it of God's free grace, *Cant.* 1.4.

3. Obteining Faith, we must obey God's commandments, to testifie our love to God in Christ for his grace towards us, *Isa.* 6.8.

4. And to please God, *Col.* 1.10.

5. And to testifie our subjection to Christ, *Psa.* 2.12.

6. And to glorifie God, *Mat.* 5.16.

7. And to make sure our own salvation, 1 *Ti.* 6.18,19.

8. But we must not by our Obedience, think to satisfie God's justice, and purchase forgiveness and favor with God. For 1. Nothing can satisfie God's justice and purchase forgiveness and favor with God, but a righteousness which fully answers the threats of the Law, for we are sinners, *Gal.* 2.20. which fully answers the commands of the Law, for we are humane Creatures, *Mar.* 12.30,31. which is of infinite value, that it might

might bear proportion to the infinite evil that is in sin, the infinite blessedness that is to be recovered, and the infinite misery from which there is to be deliverance *Isa.*40.16 and which God hath appointed to that end, *Heb.*10.5.

2. Our best Obedience comes far short of all this.

3. Christ's righteousness comes up to all this, *Gal.* 3.13. *Mat.*3.15. *Act.*20.28. *Heb.*10.9. and the Father graciously accepts it for us, *Job* 33.24.

4. For us to go about our own obedience to satisfy God's justice and purchase forgiveness and favor with him, is to have too high thoughts of our selves, *Lu.*18. 11. too mean thoughts of God, *Job* 22.2,3. to despise Christs righteousness, *Heb.*10.29. to reject God's grace, *Gal.*2.21. to undertake an impossible task, *Eccles.*7.20. to lose all, *Rom.*9.31.

5. By faith to relye on Christ's righteousness, as that which hath already satisfied God's justice for our sins, and purchased forgiveness and favor with him; is to have a due esteem of Christ s righteousness, *Phil.*3. 8,9. a due esteem of God's grace, *Gal.*2.21. to be truly humble, *Hab.*2.4. to obey the Gospel, *Jo.*6 29. to take a sure way to Justification and Life, *Mat.*16.18.

14. Q. *How are we Justified?*

A. 1. The Father doth justifie, *Ro.*8,33. by imputing to us Christ's righteousness, *Ro.*5.19. and for the sake thereof pardoning and accepting of us.

2. The Son doth justifie us, *Act.*13.39. bringing in everlasting Righteousness, or obeying his Father unto death to satisfy his justice, & purchase h's favor for us.

3. The H.G. doth justify us, 1 *Cor.*6,11. by work-

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ing faith in us, and helping us to apply Christ.

4. Free grace doth justifie us, *Rom.*2.24. by providing a surety for us, accepting faith for the condition of our interest in him, and giving faith and Christ to us.

5. The Gospel doth justify us, by revealing, *Ro.*1. 16. and offering Christ to sinners, *Rev.*22.17. applying and making over Christ to believers, 1 *Pe.*1.20,21. and being the Rule by which God will proceed in Judgement, *Rom.*2.16.

6. Faith doth justify us, *Ro.*3,28. by embracing and trusting in Christ, & so giving us an interest in his righteousness, because God hath made it the great condition of the Gospel.

7. Works do justify us, by being an evidence of, and help unto our Faith, *Ja.*2.24.

15. Q. *What are the saving acts of a lively Faith?*

*A.*1. To believe what the Scripture speaks concerning Christ, so as to trust in him for Justification and Salvation. *Gal.*2.16. Or to believe so as to receive Christ for justification and salvation, *Joh.*1.12.

2. No act of a dead Faith is justifying or saving, *Ja.* 2.14. Not believing the truth concerning Christ, *Act.*8. 13. Not beleiving so as to trust in him, *Jo.*2.23. Not believing so as to receive him, *Luk.*8.13.

3. Faith is then lively when it not only believes what is revealed in the Word concerning Christ, so as to trust in him and receive him for Justification and Salvation, but likewise so, as to prize him, 1 *Pet.*2.7. Love God for him, 1 *Ti.*1.15,17. as to be thereby humble, *Hab.* 2.4. Purified, *Act.*15.9. Sanctified, *Act.*26.18. as to work by Love, *Gal.*5.6. Overcome the World, 1 *Jo.* 5.4. be emboldened to appear for Christ, 2 *Cor.*4.13.

as to do and suffer great things for God and Christ when called to it, *Heb.*11.

16. Q. *What inducements have we to believe in Christ for Salvation?*

A. 1. We are utterly lost in our selves, *Mat.*18.11.

2. None but Christ is able to save us, *Jo.*6.68.

3. Christ is abundantly able to save us, *Heb.*7.25.

4. We are graciously called and invited to him, *Ma.* 11.28.

5. He is freely offered to every one of us, *Re.*22.17.

6. We are commanded to believe, 1*Jo.*3.23.

7. We have a promise that if we believe in Christ we shall not perish, *Jo.*3.16.

8. If believe not in Christ, we shall never partake of him, but perish without remedy, *Mar.*16,16.

9. Other great sinners have found favor with the Lord, *Lu.*7.47. 1 *Tim.*1.13.

10. We can never be holy, *Heb.*11.6. nor stedfast with God, if we will not believe in Christ for Salvation, *Heb.*3.12.

17. Q. *When do we sincerely obey the Lord?*

A. 1. When we are not false hearted with the Lord, *Psa.*51.6. 1 *Chron.*12.33. *Jer.*3.10.

2. When the Rule and Motive of our Obedience is the Lord's Command, *Psa.*119.5,4.

3. When the principle of our Obedience is love to the Lord, *Philip.*1.16,17.

4. When the end of our Obedience is to please the Lord, 2 *Cor.*2.17.

5. When our Obedience is willing and hearty Obedience, 2*Chr.*29.[illegible] *Col.*2.23,24.

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6. When we are careful to frame our inward, as well as outward man, according to God's Word, *Mat.*25.25.

7. When the bent of our heart is against every thing that is evil, and for every thing we know the Lord requires of us, *Psa.*119.80,128.1 *Chr.*29.19.1 *Kin.*9.4.

8. When though we have many failings yet the general Course and Tenor of our life is squared by the will of God, *Psa.*112.2,3. *Job* 17.9. *Jam.*1.8. 2 *Chr.* 15.17.

9. When we hold on in our obedience, *Psa.* 112.2, 3. *Jam.*1.8. despising baits that would entice us to destroy, *Cant.*8.7. and welcoming crosses we meet with in obeying, *Act.*20,23,24.

10. When still we have mean thoughts of our selves and fly to free grace and Christ's merits for acceptance, knowing how short we come in many things, *Neh.*13.22. *Heb.*11.4.

18. *Q. Are we able by the strength of Nature to repent, believe, and sincerely obey the Lord, or need we special renewing grace and strength from God to help us?*

A. We need special Grace and Strength; For

1. That grace of Faith that saves us, is not from our selves, it is the gift of God, *Eph.*2.8. and such grace we need.

2. Regeneration is needful for every one of us, *Jo.* 3.3,5. and this is a special work of God's Spirit.

3. God's promise of special renewing grace, *Ezr.* 36.26. and of special strength, *Psa.*110.3. are no promises of needless things.

4. God doth give special grace to assist herein, for he

he gives more to the Elect, than he doth to others, *Mat.*13.11.

5. None of us make our ſelves to differ, 1 *Cor.* 4.7. therefore we neither Repent, Believe, or ſincerely Obey without ſpecial grace.

6. God's image being loſt by the Fall, *Ro.*7.18. until we are renewed by grace, it cannot be, we ſhould have any might to do what's ſpiritually good, *Rom.*9.16. *Eph.*2.1. *Jo.*6.44. *Jer.*10.23. *Rom.*8.7.

7. We cannot without ſpecial grace, ſo much as *underſtand* the good of ſpiritual things, 1 *Cor.* 2.14. much leſs can we will and embrace them.

8. Our corruptions in our natural ſtate are ſo ſtrong withſtanding againſt us, that without ſpecial grace we cannot do what is ſpiritually good, *Jer.*13.23. *Ro.*8.8.

9. We are by nature under Satan's power, *Eph.* 2. 2. We need therefore the mighty arm of God, to ſet us free, *Act.*26.18.

10. Whenever we ſeriouſly endeavor to return to God, we then find that by the ſtrength of Nature, we cannot, *Jer.*31.18.

11. Even thoſe that have the advantage of renewing grace, find need of further aſſiſtance from God to do what's good, *Cant.*14. 2 *Cor.*3.3. *Gal.*5.17. *Rom.* 7.23.

12. They that are indeed enabled and ſo brought into a ſaving ſtate, aſcribe this to the ſpecial work of God, *Tit.*3.5.

19. *Q. After what manner, and by what degrees are men ordinarily changed and renewed by the Spirit of God?*

A. In

A. 1. Usually they are made to see their sin and danger as they never saw before, *Act.*9.4.

2. Then they are filled with abiding fear of God's wrath, *Act.*9.6.

3. They hear, and mark, and pray, if by any means they may escape, *Act.*16.14.9,11.

4. They are made to see more worth in Christ, then ever they saw before, *Gal.*1.15,16.

5. They have some refreshing hopes, though a possibility of escaping, *Jonah:*3.9.

6. They earnestly desire and use all means to get Christ, *Rev.*21.6.

7. They are made to see God's grace and good will to give Christ freely to them, *Tit.*3.4.

8. Their hearts are melted with this grace, *Lu.*7.38.

9. They are encouraged to receive Christ freely offered to them, 1 *Tim.*1.15.

10. They are filled with love to the Lord, *Jo.*21.15.

11. They can easily yield now to put away what's displeasing, and chose what's pleasing to the Lord, *Lu.* 19.8.

12. They have an abiding bent of heart for ever to cleave to the Lord. *Rom.*8.35.

20. *Q. What are the priviledges of those whose hearts are thus savingly renewed?*

A. 1. They are united to Christ, *Eph.*5.30.

2. Christ's obedience and sufferings are imputed to them, *Rom.*5.19

3. They are justified from all their sins, *Rom.*8.30.

4. God is their reconciled Father, 2 *Cor.*6.17,18.

5. They have that peace the world cannot give, *Jo.*

6. The H. G. is given to carry the Son in Obedience, *Pro.* 1.23. *Ezek.* 36.27.

7. They shall never fall away, *Isa.* 42.3.

8. All shall work together for their good, *Ro.* 8.28

9. When they dye, their souls shall be carried into *Abraham's* bosom, *Luk.* 16.22.

10. They shall have a blessed resurrection, *Jo.* 5.29

11. They shall have a publick justification, *Ma.* 25.23

12. They shall have eternal Salvation, *Mat.* 25.46

21. Q. *What are the Miseries of those that are not thus savingly renewed?*

A. 1. They are Christ-less, *Eph.* 2.12.

2. They are not in favor with God, *Eph.* 2.3.

3. They have no sure title to Salvation, *Rom.* 3.23

4. They stand condemned by God's Law, to everlasting death for sin, *Ro.* 5.18.

5. If they continue in that state till they dye, they be irrecoverably lost, *Eccles.* 9.10.

6. They are never to enjoy comfort more, *Luk.* 16 25.

7. They have lost God for ever, 2 *Thes.* 1.9.

8 They are to rise again to everlasting contempt, *Dan.* 12.2.

9 They are to be Condemned publickly at Judgment, *Mat.* 25.41.

10. They are to be carried Body and Soul into a Lake of Fire and Brimstone with damned spirits, *Rev.* 20.15.

11 They are to live for ever in that Lake to feel their torments, *Rev.* 14.11.

12. Through blindness and false peace they are not

like to prevent their miſery, unleſs God of his infinite mercy beſtow grace on them, *Je.*2.34. *Prov.*23. 34.

22. Q. *Since God only can ſavingly renew us what ſhould a poor graceleſs ſinner do to obtain it of God?*

A. 1. He ſhould frequently think what a happineſs 'tis to be ſaved; what a miſery to be damned, *Iſa.* 52. 15.

2 He ſhould ſettle it in his heart, that an unregenerate Chriſtleſs ſinner cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven, *Jo.* 3. 5.

3. He ſhould beware, leaſt willful unbelief, *Gen.*19. 14. falſe peace, *Luk.*17.28. Love of eaſe, *Luk.* 13. 24. and pleaſure, 1 *Tim.* 5. 11. Purpoſes for the future, *Mat.* 8. 21. make him trifle away his ſeaſon and prove his bane.

4. He ſhould ſpeedily break off from bad Company, 2 *Cor.* 6. 17. and groſs ſin, *Iſa.* 1. 16. leaſt he provoke God never to give him grace while he lives.

5. He ſhould believe God is willing to change and ſave ſome ſinners, *Jer.* . 14. having given Chriſt to dye for them, and choſen them from Eternity, *Iſa.* 51. 11.

6. He ſhould hear, *Luk.*10 39. and pray, *Joel.* 2. 32. and read and pray, *Jo.* 20. 31. and converſe with God's people and pray, *Jo.* 4. 39. if by any means he might obtain of God a ſaving change.

7. He ſhould reſolutly hold on in the uſe of means, though he looſe all his Labour at laſt, *Luk.* 5. 5.

8. He ſhould not ſuffer the affairs of the World to take him off, *Luk.* 8. 14. nor the delays of God.

1 *Sam.*

1 *Sam.* 13. 8, 9. nor renewed ſins, *Pſa.* 147 11. 1
the temptations of the Devil, *Mat.* 12. 43. nor
ſcoffs of the Wicked, *Jo.* 12. 43. nor the unkindne
of the godly, *Pſal* 55. 13. nor the impatience of
Fleſh, *Lam.* 3. 26. to diſcourage him in his purſ
of grace

9 When Gods Spirit diſcovers Wrath, he ſho
willingly and patiently yield to the Conviction to
prepared thereby to welcome Grace, *Rom.* 8. 15.

10 He ſhould let every little glimpſe of me
cheriſh hope ſtill, ſtill, to wait on God, *Jud.* 13. 2
Lam. 3. 22.

11 He ſhould not account himſelf ſavingly char
ed, till he is made to take his greateſt content in G
Pſal. 73 25. and Chriſt *Phil.* 3. 8. and holineſs *Pſ*
2. *Jer.* 6. 10.

12 He ſhould truſt in the name of the Lord, *Iſa.*
10. and frequently caſt himſelf on the merits
Chriſts Blood, *Heb.* 6. 18. though he periſh, if
were poſſible, when he hath done.

23 Q. *What's to be done before hearing the W*
to profit by it?

A. 1. We are to have Faith in God's Ordinan
Iſa. 55 10. *Rom.* 1. 16.

2. We ſhould acquaint our ſelves with our ſpi
tual ſtate, *Jam.* 4. 6.

3 We ſhould put away all ſin from us, 1 *Pet.*
1, 2.

4 We ſhould pray for a ſuitable Word, and
bleſſing on the Miniſter, and on our ſelves, *Pr*
2. 3.

4. Q. *What's to be done in Hearing?*
A. We ought to be reverent as before God, *Act.* 10

2. We ought to apply the Word to our selves,
. 40. 7.
3. We should watch against wandrings, *Isa.* 55. 2.
4. We should have short ejaculations towards God
bless this, and that Word to us, *Psal.* 119. 10,

25. Q. *What's to be done after Hearing?*
A. 1. We should reflect upon our miscarriages,
. 1. 5.
2. We should recal what we heard and did affect us,
k. 8. 12. *Heb.* 2. 1.
3. We should observe how the Word suits with
od's Providence in the course of our Lives, *Psa.* 73.

4. We should immediatly put the Word in pra-
ce; *Gen.* 21. 14. *Psal.* 119. 60.
26 Q. *How should we read the Word of God to
profit by it?*
A. 1. We are to read often at least once a day,
ut. 17. 19.
2. Before Reading we should look up to God for
blessing, *Mat.* 8. 6.
3 In Reading we should keep a depending Eye on
od for enlightning, *Psal.* 119. 12.
4 We should consider what goes before, and what
llows that we may understand, *Mat.* 24. 15.
5 We should Read believingly, as the Word of
od, *Rev.* 19. 9.

6 We ſhould fix one or two things which m affect us, *Pſa.* 119, 11.

7 We ſhould have an high eſteem of it, *Pſa* 10.

8 We ſhould oft think of it in the buſineſs of day, *Pſa.* 119. 97.

9. We ſhould live ſuitable to it, *Pſal.* 119. 59

27 Q. Are the Children of Believers now ext nally in the Covenant with God, as the children the *Iſraelites* were of old?

A. 1 Yes, 1. Believers are the engrafted memb of that Body of people whoſe Children were ſo ken into Covenant, *Rom.* 11. 17. *Eph.* 2. 14, 15, *Ro.* 12. 4. 1 *Cor.* 12. 12.

2 Believers are children of the Promiſe as *Iſ* was, *Gal.* 4. 28.

3. The Goſpel is for taking in all thoſe that w not received before, *Ro.* 9. 25. Therefore not excluding the children of believers, who were taken before.

4 The Kingdom of Heaven the higheſt bleſſing the Covenant belongs to the children of believe *Mat.* 19. 14.

5. The children of Believers are called Ho 1 *Cor.* 7. 14. as by reaſon of the Covenant, the Pe ple of *Iſrael* were ſo called heretofore, *Deut.* 14. 1,

6 It is expreſly ſaid, the Promiſe doth belong Children, *Act.* 2. 38, 39.

7 If the children of Believers were utterly e cluded from God's Covenant then not having do any actual evil themſelves, the children of believi

ws were looſers by Chriſt's Death, and by their Pa-
ts Faith; there would be no difference between
y Believers children, and the children of Infidels,
ere would be no hope of the Salvation of any of
em dying in Infancy, *Eph.* 2. 12.

8 So extenſive and free is Gods grace, that, as of
d, a Proſelyts child, and ſervant, and ſervants child
s taken into Covenant with God, as well as himſelf,
xod. 12. 48. ſo now a believers Child and Servant
d Servants Child, even all within his Family are
ken into Covenant with God, on the believers ac-
unt, becauſe he is a Child of *Abraham.* Luk. 19. 9.

28 Q. *What advantage is it to be externally in Co-
nant with God?*

A The ſame that it was to the *Jews* of old.

1 Though thoſe who are not by means of believ-
g Parents thus in Covenant, are not to diſpair,
t. 10. 34. *Iſa.* 56. 6. *Gen.* 22. 18.

2 And all are not Infallibly ſaved who are thus in
ovenant with God, *Mat.* 8. 12. *Deut.* 29. 4. *Gen.*
. 10. 25. 25. *Rom.* 11. 20.

3 Yet ſuch are more nearly related to God then
e reſt of the World, *Ezek.* 16. 8. *Mat.* 8. 12.
s. 1. 2. *Rom.* 9. 4. *Lev.* 25. 42.

4 If they dye in Infancy there is more hope of
eir Salvation then of others ſo dying, *Eph.* 2. 12.
a. 112. 2. *Exod.* 20. 6. *Gen.* 19. 24. 1 *Sam.* 15. 3.

5. If they live and are wicked, there is greater
pe of their converſion, then of other wicked men,
Chron. 32. 33. 33. 12.

6 They have greater encouragement to ſeek God

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in all their wants, *Deut.* 4. 7. *Hoſ.* 12. 6.

7. They may plead in their Parents right, whe they doubt of their own, *Gen.* 32. 9.

8. They will have greater cauſe to honour thei Parents when they ſee bleſſings by means of them de rived to them, *Pſa.* 116. 16. *Exod.* 15. 2. *Pro.* 17 6.

9. This is a greater encouragement to their Pa rents to pray for them, *Gen.* 17. 18. and give then a good Education, *Gen.* 18. 19.

10. This lays an obligation on others to deal kind ly with them, *Gen.* 25. 41. 42. 2 *Sam.* 19. 1.

11. This lays a great obligation on them to devot themſelves to the Lord, *Pſal.* 116. 16. to ſerve th Lord, *Acts* 24. 14. *Levit.* 25. 42. and live holily *Deut.* 7. 6. and make ſure of Salvation, *Mat.* 8. 12 to love God like children, *Rom.* 9. 4. to make Go their refuge in all their ſtreights, *Deut.* 4. 7. and t Repent when they have ſinned againſt him, *Hoſ.* 12 6.

12. And thoſe who are thus in covenant with God though Infants, are to be baptiſed.

1. Becauſe God vouchſafed to his Church the pri viledge of confirming his Covenant, by applying th initiating Seal thereof to the Children of believers *Gen.* 17. 10. and never repealed it.

2. This confirmation of the Covenant by the in itiating ſeal did belong to the children of the Myſtica ſeed of *Abraham*, though they were not his natura ſeed, *Exod.* 12. 48.

3 Children being in Covenant, there is the ſam reaſo

eason why they ſhould be baptized, as there is, why heir believing penitent Parents ſhould, *Act.* 2. 38. 39.

4. The Goſpel-initiating ſeal being a Badge of the ords people, and a further Obligation of them to be is. Believing Parents by their own Covenant with od are bound to apply it to their Children, *Gen.* 17. 0. as by the fourth Commandment they are bound o cauſe them, when grown up, to ſanctifie the *Chriſti-n-Sabbath*; and as by the ſecond they are bound to e them attend on other parts of the Goſpel-Inſtitu-ed Worſhip.

3 When the *Jews* ſhall be Converted, the initiating al in force, is to be applyed to their children, as eretofore, *Rom.* 11. 24. *Ezek.* 47. 13, 14. 36. 10, 1.

6 Baptiſm being a means of partaking the ſpecial eſſings of the Covenant, Regeneration, *Tit.* 3. 5. doption, *Gal.* 3. 26. 27. Sanctification, *Col.* 2. 11, 2. *Eph.* 5. 26. the waſhing away of Sin by Chriſt s ood, *Act.* 22. 16. and Salvation, *Mar.* 16. 16. the ildren of believers needing all this, and being as apable of baptiſm as heretofore of Circumciſion, e not to be debarred from the Ordinance.

7 It is a dangerous thing to keep from the Initia-g ſeal of the Covenant, *Gen.* 17. 14. *Exod.* 4. 24.

29. Q. *What is to be done before Receiving the rds Supper?*

A. 1. We muſt ſee we be in charity with all, at. 5. 23.

2. We muſt ſearch to find out our graces and our

ſins,

ſins, 1. *Cor.* 11.28.

3 We muſt judge our ſelves for ſin, 1 *Cor.* 11. 31. and cry to the Lord to obtain forgiveneſs through Chriſt's blood, *Jer.* 29. 13.

4 We muſt reſolutly put away our ſins, *Ezr.* 6. 21. 1 *Cor.* 5. 8.

5 We muſt ſtir up our ſelves unto better obedience, *Jer.* 7. 5.

6 We muſt get a ſence of our particular wants, *Luk.* 18. 41.

7 We muſt get hungrings after Chriſt, *Rev.* 21. 6.

8 We muſt come with humility, *Pſa.* 22. 26.

9 We muſt come with expectation, *Act.* 3. 5. *Heb.* 11. 6.

10 We muſt be ſure that our ends be good.

30 Q. *What ſhould our ends be in receiving the Lords Supper?*

A. Not to approve our ſelves to men. But,

1 To obey Chriſt, *Luk.* 22. 19.

2 To profeſs Chriſt, 1 *Cor.* 11. 26.

3 To keep up remembrance of Chriſt, 1 *Cor.* 11. 24.

4 To receive Chriſt, *Mat.* 26. 26.

5. To get nearer Communion and fellowſhip with Chriſt, 1 *Cor.* 10. 16.

6 To unite our hearts to one another, 1 *Cor.* 12. 13.

7. To engage our hearts to live to Chriſt, 1 *Cor.* 10. 21.

8. To get ſpiritual ſtrength to live our engagement, 1 *Cor.* 10. 16. 11. 29.

9. To confirm our faith touching Gods Covenant and pardon of ſin, *Mat.* 26. 28.

31 Q. *What is to be done in receiving?*

A. 1. VVe are to approach with an humble ſenſe of our unworthineſs.

2 VVe are to exerciſe Repentance, Faith and Love.

3 VVe are to ſend up often Ejaculations heavenward.

4 VVe are carefully to avoid all diſtractions.

5 VVe are diligently to obſerve the Sacramental Actions.

6 VVe are reverently to engage our hearts to live to Chriſt

7. VVe are to remember Chriſt.

32 Q. *What are the Sacramental Actions, and and their* ſignification?

A. 1. The Miniſters Bleſſing, ſignifies the Fathers ſending Chriſt in the fullneſs of time to perform the VVork of our Redemption.

2 His breaking the Bread ſignifies the breaking of Chriſts body, and ſhedding of his Blood.

3 His giving, ſignifies Chriſts giving himſelf to the receivers if they accept of him, and live to him.

4. The Peoples taking ſignifies their taking Chriſt to be their Saviour, and binding themſelves to live to him.

5 Their Eating and Drinking ſignifies their full and ſweet enjoyment of Chriſt, by Faith, as the bread of their lives.

33. Q. *What is to be done after receiving?*

A. 1. VVe ſhould reflect upon our failings and

caſt

cast our selves on the Lords grace, and Christs merits for pardon, 2 *Sam.* 23. 15.

2 We should not rest in the work done, but keep a depending eye on the Lords Grace for a blessing. *Gen.* 49. 18.

3 Under doubts, *Judg.* 7. 10. 13, 14, 15. Temptations, 2 *Cor.* 5. 15. Fals, *Psa.* 89. 34. and variety of Providences we should reflect on the Sacrament and improve it for our Spiritual strength and comfort.

4. We should study which way best to express our Love to Christ, *Psal.* 116. 11.

34. *Which way should we best express our, Love to Christ,*

A. 1. By remembring Christ, 2. *Tim.* 2. 8.

2. By labouring for assurance of Faith, that Christ is ours, *Phil.* 3. 10.

3. By keeping up an high esteem of Christ, *Cant.* 5. 16.

4. By maintaining communion with Christ, *Jo.* 15. 4.

5. By living by Faith on Christ for acceptance, and strength, *Isa.* 45. 24.

6. By not grudging Christ the performance of duty against sloathful self, *Deut.* 10. 12.

7 By not being ashamed to own Christ, 2 *Cor.* 4. 13.

8 By not thinking much to suffer for Christ, *Act.* 20 24.

9 By loving one another, *Jo.* 15. 12.

10 By being stedfast in Covenant, *Psal.* 16. 12, 14.

35 Q. *How should we pray that God might hear and accept of us?*

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A. 1. Not rashly, *Eccl*, 5. 2.
2. Nor impenitently, *Prev.* 28. 9.
3. Nor in malice, *Mat.* 5. 23.
4. Nor in Unbelief, *Ja.* 1. 6.
But 1. In Humility, *Psa.* 34. 18.
2. In Sincerity, *Psa.* 145. 18.
3. In Faith, *Mark* 11. 24.
4. With Fervency, *Ja.* 5. 16.
5. With dependance on Christ's Spirit for assistance, *Rom.* 8. 26.
6 With dependance on Christ's Merits for Acceptance, *Jo.* 16. 23.
1. With Perseverance, *Luk.* 18. 5, 7.

36. Q. *How should we enlarge our selves in Prayer?*

A. In the strength of the H. G. we may enlarge after this manner.

1 For our sin.

1. We may confess our Fall, and the corruption of our Nature, in the whole man.

2. Then the good we have left undone.

3 Then the evil Thoughts, Words, and Deeds we have done against the Law, and Gospel.

4 Then we may bewail the greatness of our sins, as committed knowingly, willingly, frequently, against all the Attributes of God, Death of Christ, and Motions of the Holy Spirit.

5. Then we may acknowledge the dueness of Corporal, Spiritual, and Eternal punishment, Judging our selves.

6 Then we may bless God that Sentence is not Executed, and that mercy is to be had in Christ.

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2. For our wants.

1 VVe may intreat that God would not punish, but pardon us through Christ's sufferings, humbly and thankfully applying Christ and the Promises.

2 Then that God would Sanctifie us, subduing sin, bestowing Grace, Repentance, Faith, and Love.

3. Then that God would manifest Reconciliation to us.

4. Then that he would follow us with his quickening Spirit, to overcome our spiritual Enemies, do his will in all things, and grow in grace.

5. Then that God would Sanctifie Mercies, and Afflictions to us, and bless us in the outward Man.

6 Then that God would bless his Church, his afflicted People, our Governours, Friends, and Enemies

3. *For our Blessings.*

1. VVe may praise God for our temporal blessings, our Being, Limbs, Health, Peace, Protection, Provision.

2 Then for spiritual blessings; that there is an Election, that Christ is given for us, that we have the Gospel, that he hath given us Faith and Holiness, if we be sure of it.

3 Then for any extraordinary, or new Mercy.

4 Then we may acknowledge the greatness of our blessings, from Gods greatness, our unworthiness, and need.

5. Then we may engage our selves to live his praise, commending our selves to his Grace for aid.

37 Q. *What further Rules may be given to help us in the use of this method.*

A. 1.

A. 1. We may premeditate of our Sins, Blessings, and Wants according to this Method.

2. What passages of the Word, or providence do affect us, we may, in our thoughts, add them to that part of this Method which is proper for them to keep furnished for Prayer.

3. Before Prayer it is needful to get our hearts affected with God's Majesty, and Grace; one Sin, one Want, one Blessing at least.

4. We should not be over-careful for expressions.

5 We should not covet to go on faster than the assistance of God's Spirit depended on doth carry us.

6. We need not tye our selves to every part of this, or any other Method; but contract or add, as we find our hearts may be inclined

7. We must not covet to be over-long.

8. Practiseing first in private, we shall the better carry it on with others.

38. Q. *What is the happiness of Heaven?*

A. 1. There is no sin, *Psal.* 130. 8. Nor sorrow, *Rev.* 21. 3.

2. There is perfection of Holiness.

3. There is the society of Angels, and glorified Saints, *Rev.* 5. 11.

4. There is the glorified person of Christ, *Ph.* 2. 9.

5. There is the glorious Vision of God, 1 *Cor.* 13. 12.

6. There are unwearied praises, *Rev.* 4. 8.

7. There is ravishing love and joy, *Isa.* 51. 11.

8. There Christs Glory will shine wonderfully in making sinners so happy, 2 *Thes.* 1. 10

9. God will take delight in his Redeemed ones, as well as they in him, *Zeph.* 3. 17.

10. All this will last for ever, *Rev.* 3. 12, *Mat.* 25. 46.

39. Q. *What are the miseries of Hell?*

A. 1. They are exprest by a bottomless pit, *Rev.* 20. 3.

2. By utter darkness, *Mat.* 25. 30.

3. By cutting asunder, *Mat.* 24. 51.

4. By binding hand and foot, *Mat.* 22. 33.

5. By a Worm that never dyes, *Mar.* 9. 44.

6 By a Lake of Fire and Brimstone, *Rev* 20. 10.

7. There all Earthly pleasures are at an end, *Luk.* 16 25.

8. There Heavens Glory is lost irrecoverably, *Luk.* 16. 26.

9. There is the company of Damned ſpirits, *Mat.* 25. 41.
10. There the whole body, and the whole ſoul is tormented.
11. There is tormenting night and day without Intermiſſion, *Rev.* 14. 11.
12. There is no Dying, *Rev.* 9 6.
13. There is no end of the Torment, *Mat.* 25. 46.
14. Ther's no pity, God himſelf laughs at all this, *Pr.* 1. 24 26.
15. There is the height of ſin, every mouth Blaſpheming God, *Rev.* 16. 11.

40. Q. *What will be the proceedings of the day of Judgment?*
A. 1. Chriſt will come in the Clouds, *Rev.* 1. 7.
2. The Trumpet will ſound, } 1 *Cor.* 15. 51.
3. The dead will be raiſed, }
4. All will be cited before him, *Joel*, 3. 2.
5. The Sheep will be ſeparated from the Goats, *Mat.* 25. 32
6. Every mans actions will be tryed, 2 *Cor.* 5. 10.
7. The ſentence will be paſſed, *Mat.* 25. 34, 41.
8. Execution will cloſe up the day, *Mat.* 25. 46.

41. Q. *How ſhould we make ſure of Gods acceptation againſt that day?*
A. 1. We muſt judge our ſelves, 1 *Cor.* 11. 31.
2. We muſt flye to Chriſt by Faith, 1 *Theſ.* 1. 10.
3. We muſt put away ſin, 2 *Pet.* 3. 14. eſpecially Cenſoriouſneſs, *Mat.* 7. 2. Immoderate care and Intemperateneſs, *Luk.* 21. 34. and all degrees of Revenge. *Ja.* 5. 9.
4. We muſt cheriſh a filial fear of God, *Prov.* 14. 26.
5. We muſt improve our Talents, *Mat* 25. 21.
6. We muſt appear for Chriſt, *Mat.* 10. 32.
7. We muſt watch and pray, *Luk.* 21. 36.
8. And ſo love the appearing of Chriſt, 2 *Tim.* 4. 8.

The Creed.

I *Believe in God, the Father Almighty maker of Heaven and Earth; and in Jeſus Chriſt his only Son, our Lord, which was conceived by the Holy Ghoſt, born of the Virgin* Mary, *ſuffered under* Pontius Pilate, *was Crucified, Dead, and Buried; he deſcended into Hell, the Third day he roſe again from the Dead, he aſcended into Heaven, and ſitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty;*

Continued in the ſtate of the Dead.

might, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and

I Believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholick Church, Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of Sins, the Resurrection of the Body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Ten Commandments. Exod. 20.

GOD spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the House of Bondage.

1. *Thou shalt have no other Gods before me.*

2. *Thou shalt not make unto thy self any graven Image, or any likeness of any thing that is in Heaven above, or that is in the Earth beneath, or that is in the Water under the Earth; Thou shalt not bow down thy self to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the Fathers upon the Children unto the Third and Fourth Generation of them that hate me, and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my Commandments.*

3. *Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*

4. *Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy: six days shalt thou labour and do all thy Work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt do no manner of Work, thou nor thy Son, nor thy Daughter, thy Man-servant, nor thy Maid-servant, nor thy Cattle, nor thy Stranger that is within thy Gates. For in six days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the Sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day, wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath-day, and hallowed it.*

5. *Honour thy Father and thy Mother that thy days may be long upon the Land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*

6. *Thou shalt not kill.*

7. *Thou shalt not commit Adultery.*

8. *Thou shalt not steal.*

9. *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy Neighbour.*

10. *Thou shalt not Covet thy Neighbours House, thou shalt not covet thy Neighbours wife, nor his Man-servant, nor his Maid-servant, nor his Ox, nor his Ass, nor any thing that is thy Neighbours.*

The Lord's Prayer.

OUr Father which art in Heaven hallowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done in Earth